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Mr Raleigh Mackey
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Dear Mackey:

Received your letter and am hastening to answer and enclose the money you asked for. I am glad you are planing a nice trip east, with a visit to your Ma.

I know you are anxious about the team and how it is shaping up. Well all in all I think things are alright. First of all, the biggest news, Monty Irvin and Davis have signed, and are going to stay with us. Mexico was after Irvin in a big way. All these men have signed also, Pearson, Harvey, Isreal, Wilkes, Manning, Parks and Peace. Hooker has not signed yet, but I do not look for any trouble from him. Doby is asking for more money than I am going to give him. Newcombe had signed to go with The United States League, but I understand it has folded up. He is just one of those youngsters that has a lot to learn. All in all I think things are shaping up alright. Now for some more good news, Day is home and out of the army. He came in two days ago. It looks like you will have eleven veterans in the lineup. It looks like you will have incamp the following rookies, 3 pitchers, one outfielder, 2 infielders

You didn't tell me whether you were going straight to Florida, or coming here. When you answer to tell me you received this money please let me know. Equipment is very scarce, so if you need anything let me know. I wont guarantee to get it but I will try.

Gottlieb gave us permission to write Pat Patterson and see if he will play with us. I am waiting for his answer. If he will Phila. wants Watkins and Matthews for him. He is a good man. Would you like to have him? Will be looking to hear from you. We leave here 7AM, March 30th.

Very Truly Yours